--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Division Open "A 70" - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- 1/8th pound - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- *Without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. red controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

It is interesting to note the use of the ***red control*** numbering. The "Series of 1883" uses red control numbers, and it seems that the 1881 strips began using red numbers to indicate that the strips were being used under the "Budget of 1883", which had increased the tax rate: note the cancellation dates. The 1/8th strip was a late addition to the series.

John McKay records that 148,787 *lithographed* copies of "1/8 lb. Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). This is his only mention of the *lithographed* 1/8th pound Customs 1880-81 strip.

"1/8 lb. Blue Tobacco"	**3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886) -	148,787

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/8th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

1/8th pound, Division Open - A 70	**112067**

The catalogue lists the 1/8th pound, blue, Division Open "A 70" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-340 - 1/8th pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open - A 70, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. ***red*** controls
RP-341 - 1/8th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 70, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. ***red*** controls
RP-341a - 1/8th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 70, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. ***red*** controls

The collection contains the below illustrated copy of the *unwatermarked* coarse roulette strip **RP-341an**. Since this copy is from the top of the sheet and has a vertical mesh, it has simply missed the *block watermark* on the sheet. Does a ***truly*** *unwatermarked* strip on horizontal mesh wove paper exist? I doubt the existence of the ***truly unwatermarked*** strip **RP-341a**.

RP-341n - 1/8th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 70"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - this strip has simply missed the sheet block watermark

RP-341n - 1/8th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 70"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-341 - 1/8th pound - *coarse roulette* - with [ENTRY] in the value panel ---

RP-341 - 1/8th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 70"**, control number **031912**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **3 '84** in August 1884 - the **3** has been inverted

031912★	08/84	RP-341	1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh wove - stamped **3 '84**
033465★	08/84	RP-341	1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh wove - stamped **3 '83**
045042	07/84	RP-341	1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, block watermarked vertical mesh wove - stamped **2 '84**
			Entry # *3232*- two plate scratches at right centre

--- RP-340 - 1/8th pound - perforated 12 - with [ENTRY] in the value panel ---

RP-340 - 1/8th pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open **"A 70"**, control number **112067**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, Entry No. *13458*, stamped **4 '84** in August 1884

112067★	08/84	RP-340	1/8th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, stamped **4 '84**

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